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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BANGKOK PARIS GENEVA WARSAW BUDAPEST
CANBERRA INFO MOSCOW KUALA LUMPUR JAKARTA TEHRAN OTTAWA
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI JCRC SAMAE SAN THAILAND FROM SECSTATE
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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRISONERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM

REF: A) STATE 121369, B) BUDAPEST 1612, C) CANBERRA 3402,
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1. UPI REPORT FROM SAIGON JUNE 4 BY ALAN DAWSON DESCRIBES
BAN ME THUOT CAPTIVES AS "ALIVE AND WELL" UNDER DETENTION
AT THANH AN, PLEIKU PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. REPORT PROVIDES
CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ON REPORTED CONDITIONS OF DETENTION,
STATING CAPTIVES ARE "WELL-FED" AND HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO
WRITE LETTERS FROM THEIR CAMP. (ACCORDING TO FAMILIES,
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HOWEVER, NO LETTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.)

2. ALTHOUGH REPORT DOES NOT PROVIDE SOURCE OF INFO, THE FACT THAT IT WAS WRITTEN FROM SAIGON (AND PRESUMABLY PASSED BY PRG CENSORS) GIVES IT STRONG CREDIBILITY IN OUR JUDGEMENT. REPORT MAY BE PRG'S WAY OF RESPONDING TO MAY 29 STATE DEPT. STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT AND TO NUMEROUS APPEALS ON GROUP'S BEHALF ADDRESSED TO PRG OFFICES IN PARIS AND GENEVA. (TEXT OF UPI REPORT AND MAY 29 STATEMENT BEING SENT BY UNCLASSIFIED SEPTEL.)

3. FOR BANGKOK: PLEASE PASS THIS INFO TO MRS. PAUL STRUHARIK. PAUL'S PARENTS IN OHIO WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING HER PLANS FOR TRAVEL TO US.

4. FOR GENEVA: PLEASE PASS UPI REPORT AND STATE DEPT. STATEMENT TO ICRC AND ASK IF THEIR REPS IN SAIGON HAVE HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE PRISONERS.

5. FOR PARIS: PLEASE PASS UPI REPORT AND STATE DEPT. STATEMENT TO GOF WITH REQUEST THEY CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS ON THIS SUBJECT.

6. FOR BUDAPEST AND WARSAW: SUGGEST YOU USE UPI REPORT AND STATE DEPT. STATEMENT AS BASIS FOR RENEWED APPROACHES ON THIS SUBJECT.

7. FOR CANBERRA: SUGGEST YOU PASS UPI REPORT TO GOA AND ASK IF THEY HAVE ANY FURTHER WORD ON WHITLOCK.

8. FOR MANILA: UPI REPORT CONFIRMS THAT PHILIPPINE NATIONAL IKO TOLENTINO, USAID CONTRACT EMPLOYEE, IS HELD WITH GROUP. AT YOUR DISCRETION SUGGEST YOU INFORM GOP OF THIS AND OF OUR CONTINKING EFFORTS TO PRESS FOR GROUP'S RELEASE. KISSINGER
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